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PRIVATE COMPANIES IN OIL EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) which are the private companies engaged in oil exploration activities under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) alongwith their achievements; and

(b) the total revenue earned by the Government on this account?

Answer

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) The list of private companies engaged in oil exploration activities under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) is annexed. The following companies have made oil/gas discoveries.1. The consortium of Reliance Industries Ltd and Niko Resources Ltd. has made 13 gas discoveries in two NELP exploration blocks KG-DWN-98/3 and NEC-OSN-97/22. Cairn Energy India (Pty.) Ltd has made two oil/gas and one gas discoveries in NELP exploration block KG-DWN-98/2.3. Niko Resources Ltd has made two gas discoveries in NELP block CB-ONN-2000/2.

(b) Gas production has started only in one NELP block i.e. CB-ONN-2000/2, for which the State Government of Gujarat has been paid an amount of Rs.2.95 crores as Royalty by the contractor till Feb 2005.